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REPORT OF COL. H. C. MINTY.
In the 1st Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division.
Lieutenant Chamberlain, A. A. General
First Cavalry Division:

Sir, I have the honor to haul you the following report of the 1st Cavalry Division by the 1st Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, in the operations from the advance of the army from Nashville to an including the battle before Murfreesboro:

On march 10th, Camp Rosecrans, near Nashville, the morning of the 20th ult., with the 3d Kentucky, 4th Michigan, 7th Pennsylvania, and one company of the 2d Indiana, and reported to General Palmer on the 1st Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, with orders received from him, through the Colonel commanding the division, I placed the 3d Kentucky on the left, and the 7th Pennsylvania on the right of the road, keeping the 4th Michigan in the rear, with a strong advance guard out.

Ten miles from Nashville, I met the enemy's platoons, who, as they fell back before us, were continually reinforced by fresh troops. I advanced our progress with a force of 400 men cavalry and mounted infantry, with four pieces of artillery under Gen. Wheeler. After some sharp skirmishing in which we suffered loss, and the enemy's column was severely damaged, I moved out cover of a slight embankment on which Lieut. Newell, of battery D, 1st Ohio, had his section planted, leaving two companies of the 4th Michigan disengaging to the right, and the rest of the artillery. I must here mention that Lieut. Newell did splendid service with his two 3-inch Rodmans. Every shot was well placed and did not miss the target. The gunners of the 4th Michigan, when it was battered from Gen. Palmer's division came up to his assistance. One of the gunners was killed by a shell from the enemy while serving his gun.

Saturday, Dec. 27.—The 7th Pennsylvania, under Major Wrenco, made a reconnaissance in front of General Palmer's division, which occupied a position on the left of the line. One section, 4th Michigan, under Captain M. M. Palmer, was on the Jefferson, Feb. 1, and did not rejoin the brigade until the following day. I beg to refer you to the report of Captain Mix for particulars.

The army advanced at about 11 o'clock, A. M., 3d Kentucky and one company of the 2d Indiana, under Colonel Murray, on the left flank, and the 4th Michigan, under my immediate direction, covering the right flank. Captain Palmer's Creek this night.

Sunday, Dec. 28.—The 7th Pennsylvania, under Captain Jennings, to receive the battalion 4th Michigan on Jefferson Creek.

Mondy, Dec. 29.—The army again advanced—the 7th Pennsylvania, under Major Wrenco, on the left flank, the 3d Kentucky, the 4th Michigan, under Lieut.-Col. Dickinson, in reserve, 2d Indiana on the right flank. The 7th Pennsylvania, under Captain Jennings, to receive the battalion 4th Michigan on Jefferson Creek.

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Sergeant Beddoe, of company K, 1st Michigan cavalry, rode by his side during both charges against the enemy in the engagement of Wednesday evening, Dec. 31, and displayed great gallantry. He was severely wounded, and was compelled to leave the field.

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